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Minutes - Final

Active Transportation and Sustainability Committee

Tuesday, May 4, 2021 | **10:00 AM** | **Virtual Meeting**

For consideration by the City Building Committee on May 11, 2021.

The meeting was called to order by the Chair, K. Aylwin at 10:06 a.m. The following were in attendance for the meeting:

Present: 7 - Councillor K. Aylwin
Councillor A. Kungl
A. McNair - Nature Barrie
E. Jacoby-Hawkins
J. Northcote
K. Patterson-McGrath
T. Searls

Absent: 4 - E. vanWesenbeeck
M. Kavanagh
S. Diaz - SMDHU
W. Steimle

STAFF:
Committee Support Clerk, B. Thompson
Infrastructure Planning Engineer, B. Gratrix
Manager of Parks and Forestry, K. Bradley
Supervisor of Urban Forestry and Natural Areas Stewardship, K. Rankin
Transit Operations Planner, M. McConnell
Transit Planning Student, R. Rennie

The Active Transportation and Sustainability Committee met and reports as follows:

SECTION "A"

AMENDMENT TO THE ACTIVE TRANSPORTATION AND SUSTAINABILITY COMMITTEE'S TERMS OF REFERENCE RELATED TO COMMITTEE COMPOSITION

The Committee discussed a proposed amendment to the Terms of Reference relating to the appointment of a representative from Living Green Barrie, Erich Jacoby-Hawkins, and removing him as a citizen appointee.

The Committee discussed this and agreed to appoint to have Erich Jacoby-Hawkins represent Living Green Barrie going forward, at the Active Transportation and Sustainability Committee meeting.

The Active Transportation and Sustainability Committee met and recommends adoption of the following recommendation(s):

SECTION "B"

Recommendation(s)

AMENDMENT OF THE ACTIVE TRANSPORTATION AND SUSTAINABILITY COMMITTEE'S TERMS OF REFEREENCE RELATED TO COMMITTEE COMPOSITION

That in light of Erich Jacoby-Hawkins being appointed by Living Green to be their representative on the Active Transportation and Sustainability Committee, that the citizen appointment be deemed vacant.

This matter was recommended (Section "B") to City Building Committee for consideration of adoption at its meeting to be held on 5/11/2021.

The Active Transportation and Sustainability Committee met and reports as follows:

SECTION "C"

REDUCING GHG EMISSIONS THROUGH PARK AND YARD NATURALIZATION AND EDUCATION

Kelly Patterson-McGrath summarized her presentation from the previous Committee meeting concerning the 2-Cycle Engine Reduction. She provided suggestions, such as completely banning the use of leaf blowers for City use for maintenance and setting an example for the Community when planning to reduce greenhouse gas emissions.

Kevin Rankin, Supervisor of Urban Forestry and Natural Areas Stewardship, confirmed that going from gas powered equipment to battery powered equipment is currently being done with all equipment that can be changed over to battery rechargeable units. He expressed that it would be very costly to get rid of all the current backpack units and replace them with battery units immediately.

The Committee discussed some different ideas, strategies, and issue.

The Active Transportation and Sustainability Committee met and recommends adoption of the following recommendation(s):

SECTION "D"

Recommendation(s)

REDUCING GHG EMISSIONS THROUGH PARK AND YARD NATURALIZATION AND EDUCATION

That staff in the Operations Department investigate the feasibility of creating a plan to phase-out gas powered maintenance equipment through strategies, included but not limited to procurement processes, park designs, park naturalization, in order to reduce the City’s greenhouse gas emissions and noise pollutions and report back to the Active Transportation and Sustainability Committee.

This matter was recommended (Section "D") to City Building Committee for consideration of adoption at its meeting to be held on 5/11/2021.

The Active Transportation and Sustainability Committee met and reports as follows:

SECTION "E"

ACTIVE TRANSPORTATION AND SUSTAINABILITY WEBPAGE

Councillor Kungl provided the Committee with a review of discussions from the previous meeting and further updates.

Brett Gratrix, Infrastructure Planning Engineer, provided an update regarding the webpage going live. He indicated that IT staff had recently finished the GIS mapping for walking and cycling and he will add that link to the webpage.

The Active Transportation and Sustainability Committee met and recommends adoption of the following recommendation(s):

SECTION "F"

Recommendation(s)

ACTIVE TRANSPORTATION AND SUSTAINABILITY COMMITTEE WEBPAGE

That staff in Access Barrie be directed to create a communication campaign to promote Bike Month from May 31 to June 30, 2021 in the City of Barrie, through the City's communication channels and social media.

This matter was recommended (Section "F") to City Building Committee for consideration of adoption at its meeting to be held on 5/11/2021.

The Active Transportation and Sustainability Committee met and reports as follows:

SECTION "G"

BICYCLE FRIENDLY COMMUNITY DESIGNATION SUBCOMMITTEE UPDATE

Councillor Aylwin discussed the Vision Statement from the Active Transportation Plan regarding the Bicycle Friendly Community Designation Application.

Kelly Patterson-McGrath provided some information associated with the Bicycle Friendly Community Designation Subcommittee. She further summarized information from the Bicycle Friendly Community Certification Board and the current Active Transportation Plan.

Erich Jacoby-Hawkins, Living Green Barrie, provided some insight and updates on bridge reconstruction and related bicycle detours and routes.

CROMPTON PARK SUBCOMMITTEE UPDATE

Item was deferred to the next meeting.

OFFICIAL PLAN AND URBAN DESIGN GUIDELINE SUBCOMMITTEE UPDATE

Item was deferred to the next meeting.

FIREBIRD COMMUNITY CYCLE GRANT APPLICATION UPDATE

Item was deferred to the next meeting.

BUS STOP POLLINATOR GARDENS

Item was deferred to the next meeting.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 12:11 p.m.

CHAIRMAN